Three Department of Correction Facilities Awarded ACA Accreditation

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Indianapolis, Ind. (January 30, 2006) - Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner J. David Donahue announced today that the <u>Indiana State Prison</u>, <u>Rockville Correctional Facility</u> and <u>Pendleton Juvenile Facility</u> were awarded accreditation by the American Correctional Association (ACA) panel at the 2006 Winter Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

"Congratulations to Superintendent Buss, Martin and Burns and their staff on making sure that their facilities met the systematic and thorough requirements of the ACA," said J. David Donahue. "It is one of the finest achievements a facility can receive."

"Our accomplishment today will allow facilities in Indiana to be a launch pad for successful re-entry of offenders into society. It is my commitment that the Department continues to strive to be the model correctional agency by maintaining best practices in the correctional field," added Donahue.

About ACA

The Standards and Accreditation Department of the <u>American Correctional Association</u> (ACA) serves a dual mission of providing services for ACA and the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC). These services include the development and promulgation of new standards, revision of existing standards, coordination of the accreditation process for all correctional components of the criminal justice system, semi-annual accreditation hearings, technical assistance to correctional agencies, and training for consultants who are involved in the accreditation process.

About the Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers.

The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: http://www.in.gov/indcorrection. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: http://www.reentry.in.gov.